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Benin: amendments to the draft resolution recommended by the Economic and Social Council (A/C.3/58/L.2)

"Preparations for the observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004"

1. Insert two new paragraphs following operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

"*Welcomes* the decision of the Government of Benin to host a regional preparatory conference in Benin in May 2004 in collaboration with the United Nations;

"*Calls for* the hosting of similar conferences in other regions of the world;"

2. Insert an operative paragraph following operative paragraph 5 to read as follows:

"*Calls upon* the United Nations system, the United Nations agencies and bodies, including the regional commissions, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and research and academic institutions to contribute to the success of the regional conference;"

3. Replace existing operative paragraph 6 with the following text:

"*Requests* the Secretary-General to launch the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family on 4 December 2003;"

4. Insert an operative paragraph following operative paragraph 6 to read as follows:

"*Requests* the Secretary-General to staff and strengthen the family unit in consideration of the celebration of the International Year of the Family and beyond and of the family-related dimensions of the millennium development goals;"

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